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## Selectmen's Minutes 03-13-2006

### TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, March 13, 2006  
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hurd, Chair, Mrs. Dias, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mrs. Mahon, and Ms. LaCourt.  
 Also present: Mrs. Galkowski, Mr. Maher, Mrs. Krepelka, and Mrs. Sullivan.

#### 1. Discussion: Town Day 2005

Kathleen Darcy, Co Chair  
 Marie Krepelka

Mrs. Darcy reported on Town Day 2005 and that it was a great success. Mrs. Darcy told the Board that the date for Town Day 2006 is September 9<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of September 16<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Darcy also informed the Selectmen that the 2006 Town Day will include more crafters and activities in the garden

### FOR APPROVAL

#### 2. Minutes of Meeting: March 6, 2006

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0-1)  
 Mr. Greeley abstained.

### APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

#### 3. Appointment: New Election Worker

Mary Anne Hayes, 31 Johnson Road, Pct. 11, R  
 Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

#### 4. Appointment: Arlington Preservation Fund, Inc.

Alexander Frisch  
 (term to expire 2/2009)  
 Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

### LICENSES & PERMITS

#### 5. Request: Bagpipe Concert, 5/25/06, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Jason Russell House

Alan Jones  
 Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

#### 6. Request: Change of Manager – All Alcohol Club

Joseph Schanda, Arlington Elks, 56 Pond Lane  
 Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Request: Common Victualler License

Susan Watts d/b/a Sweet Sue's Bakery & Café, 795 Mass. Ave.

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to conditions set forth.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7:30 p.m.

8. CDBG – Request for Proposals

Kevin O'Brien, Director, Planning and Community Development

David Levy, Executive Director, Housing Corporation of Arlington

Mary Doyle, Board President and David Levy, Executive Director of the Housing Corporation of Arlington thanked the Board of Selectmen for their ongoing support and allocation of CDBG funds to increase the number of affordable housing units in Arlington. Mr. Levy also asked the Board for permission to hold their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Affordable Housing on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and they would like to use the sign in front of Town Hall to advertise this event.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

John Jope, Director of Council on Aging, asked the Board to please consider the senior citizens of the Town and thanked the Board for their previous support.

Ann Le Royer, Open Space Committee member, asked for \$15,000 in order to hire an editor and graphic designer. Mrs. Mahon asked if the new Asst. Planner could help with the request of the Open Space Committee. Mr. O'Brien stated his office would be supported as in the past requests.

Mrs. Mahon submitted a proposal for \$25,000 for the Arlington High School Concession Stand so that it will be built handicapped accessible.

Mr. O'Brien stated the Town has received requests totaling more than \$2,000,000.00

but will likely receive only \$1,300,000.00 in CDBG funds for the fiscal year.

Ms. LaCourt made a motion that the Town Manager sends a letter to Congressman Markey, Senators Kennedy and Kerry strongly urging their support to continue the funding of the CDBG Program.

Mrs. Dias moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved to receive requests.

SO VOTED (5-0)

9. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

There were no matters presented for consideration of the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS10. Report: State Appointment to Redevelopment Board

Kevin F. Greeley, Selectman

There was discussion regarding the Governor appointment to the Redevelopment Board and the process. Mr. Greeley was disappointed that the Governor asked for no input from the Selectmen and/or Town Manager before making his appointment. Mr. Greeley also thought that the Mr. Worden, Town Moderator, should not have used Town letterhead requesting his candidate without at least copying the Town Officials in the letter. Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Maher what the protocol is for the state on their appointments and if other communities do something different-a better system.

11. Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule

The Board agreed on one additional meeting of April 10, 2006.

The meeting scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> was rescheduled to March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm and

There will be a bond signing only the morning of March 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.

12. WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

Article 18: Amendment of Vote/Article 4 May 2000 Special Town Meeting  
Mr. Greeley moved no action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 19: Mutual Aid/Public Health  
Mr. Greeley moved favorable action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 20: Easement/55 Venner Road  
Mr. Greeley moved favorable action subject to the Town Manager's review.  
SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 23: Home Rule Legislation/David Pannesi  
Mr. Greeley moved favorable action. SO VOTED (3-2)  
Mrs. Dias and Ms. LaCourt voted in the negative.

Article 24: Home Rule Legislation/Maintenance Town Water Bodies  
Mr. Greeley moved to table this article until FinCom has met/voted on this article.  
SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 25: Home Rule Legislation/Exemption and Deferral Information  
Ms. LaCourt moved to table this article. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 26: Home Rule Legislation/Amendment Town Manager Act  
Mrs. Dias moved no action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 27: Home Rule Legislation/Temporary Loans  
Mrs. Mahon moved favorable action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 28: Home Rule Legislation/Tax Exemptions  
Mr. Greeley moved favorable action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 29: Home Rule Legislation/Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral  
Mrs. Mahon moved no action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 30: Establish Committee/Explore Options For Additional Burial Spaces  
Mr. Greeley moved favorable action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 31: Establish/State Aid Task Force Committee  
Mrs. Mahon moved to table this article. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 32: Comprehensive Fire Station Rebuilding Plan  
Mr. Greeley moved favorable action. SO VOTED (5-0)

### 13. **FINAL VOTES AND COMMENTS**

Warrant Articles 7 through 17  
Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)  
Mrs. Mahon requested a follow up report on the Park and Rec Commission Meeting

### **Correspondence Received**

John Belskis Brattle Street 40B project Be Rec'd  
196 Wollaston Ave.

Gordon Jamieson, Chair MBTA & MWRA Be Rec'd  
Fiscal Resources Task

## Group Vision 2020

Brian F. Sullivan     Ballot question on liquor licenses     Be Rec'd  
Town Manager

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. LaCourt reported on the last ITAC meeting and that they met with Mr. Belksis and discussed the reporting procedure for the affordable housing quota in Arlington. Ms. LaCourt recommends that Mr. Belksis meet with Mr. O'Brien to go over some issues. Ms. LaCourt requested that the Selectmen follow through with a public hearing regarding the clearing of the Minuteman Trail Bike path. Ms. LaCourt would like the abutters to be notified and request their comments and also have this as a future agenda item. Ms. LaCourt requested that Mr. Robert Greeley, Town Assessor, come to a future meeting and discuss again the water & sewer debt shift.

Ms. LaCourt announced the "Brain Bee" sponsored by the Arlington Educational Enrichment Program will be held Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm in the Town Hall Auditorium.

Mr. Greeley expressed his thanks and admiration to Mrs. Krepelka for her hard work while going through her illness. Mr. Greeley also expressed thanks to Jean Devereaux and Mary Ann Sullivan for keeping the office going during Mrs. Krepelka's illness. Mr. Greeley announced and invited all to attend the St. Patrick's Day Selectones sing along at the senior center at 2:00pm.

Mrs. Mahon announced that tomorrow night, March 14<sup>th</sup>; the School Committee will be meeting and discussing \$400,000.00 in cuts.

Mrs. Mahon announced there would be a future A.H.S. concession stand meeting regarding the additional cost of \$60,000.00 to \$72,000.00.

Mrs. Mahon requested that a membership discussion (USCM, NLC etc.) be a future agenda item.

Mrs. Mahon requested that the Planning Department furnish the end results of the assistant planner hiring process (candidate info) to her.

Mr. Hurd announced that there would be a second Department Head budget meeting scheduled in the future.

Mr. Hurd stated the Dallin School opening ceremony was this past weekend and the building is great, it reconfirms that the last two school renovations should be done.

Mr. Hurd asked Mrs. Galkowski, Deputy Town Manager, to take care of the following:

- fill in the pothole at #15 Ridge St.
- place "keep right" signs at the Ridge St. rotary, and
- repair of a street light on Wheaton Rd.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 10:08 pm.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A True Record: Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka